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1. SWISS GOVT PAYING FLUBACHER'S TRANSATLANTIC FARE.
ETD ZURICH SUNDAY, NOV 6, VIA SWISSAIR 164. ETA BOSTON
1500H. NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY HE BE MET IN BOSTON. ETD
THAT CITY 1604H VIA DELTA 315; ETA WASHINGTON NATIONAL
1715H. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET.

2. ANSWERING REFTTEL QUESTIONS IN ORDER, LARGELY IN
FLUBACHER'S WORDS, WHICH REFLECT INTEREST OF SWISS OFFICE
OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH AS WELL AS HIS OWN AND RECOGNIZE
SOME INSTITUTIONS PROBABLY ALREADY ON PROGRAM:

A. 1 - PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN FORMULATION OF SCIENCE POLICY IN
GENERAL, OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN PARTICULAR.
WOULD LIKE DISCUSS ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF OFFICE OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND STATE/OES WITH INDIVIDUALS IN BOTH.

2. INFO AND DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS: HOW DATA
BANKS ASSEMBLED, INFO DISSEMINATED. HOW
SMALL COMPANIES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GET ACCESS.
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3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY
LABORATORIES; HOW THEY FUNCTION; HOW THEY EXCHANGE
INFO. VISIT TO ANY UNIVERSITY SUCH AS MIT,
CALTECH ON ONE HAND, INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH LABS SUCH
AS TEXAS INSTRUMENT, HEWLITT PACKARD, GE, BELL
TELEPHONE, UNION CARBIDE ON OTHER. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED

IN BATTELLE, OHIO, SINCE BATTELLE ALSO IN SWITZERLAND.

4. AS FORMER PHYSICAL CHEMIST-TURNED-METALLURGIST WHO HAS WORKED IN SWISS AND CANADIAN ATOMIC ENERGY INSTALLATIONS, HAS PERSONAL INTEREST VISITING RESEARCH LABS IN THESE FIELDS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICIALS AT AID, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (DIV OF SCIENCE RESOURCES STUDIES, ASS'T DIR FOR INTL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING; NATL TECHNICAL INFO SERVICES, DEPT OF COMMERCE; NATL BUREAU OF STANDARDS; NATL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE (RE: MEDLINE PROGRAM).

B. 1. FLUBACHER HOPES LEARN IN DETAIL HOW U S VIEWS UPCOMING UN CONFERENCE, SAYS SWISS STILL UNCLEAR AS TO MAJOR PURPOSE, WHETHER PREPARATORY PROCESS OR CONFERENCE ITSELF MORE IMPORTANT. LOOKS FORWARD TO LEARNING FROM OTHER PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS U S HOW OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASPECTS OPERATE, AS CONTRASTED WITH DIPLOMATIC AND LEGAL TYPES; HOW THEY SUPPLY IDEAS, COORDINATE EFFORTS FROM SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW WITH THOSE STEMMING FROM POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

B.2. ALSO HOPES LEARN IF AND HOW U S HAS SOLVED UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM STILL CONFRONTING SWISS: "HOW DO SMALL FIRMS INNOVATE? HOW CAN THEY GET ACCESS TO R&D?"

C. FLUBACHER WILL BE IDEA MAN, COORDINATE FOR SWISS PREPARATIONS FOR UN CONFERENCE. MORE THAN LIKELY BE DELEGATION MEMBER FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE ITSELF.

D. EMBASSY BELIEVES SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH U S COORDINATOR FOR UNCSTD WOULD PROFIT BOTH COUNTRIES. ODELL

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